Welcome to parents/carers and friends to week 8 of Term 4. We are definitely on the countdown now to the end of the school year.

**Prep Orientation Day 2**
On Tuesday we had the second Orientation Day for our new Prep students. Parents attended a *How to Actively Listen to your Child Read* session which is so beneficial for all parents as it supports the home/school reading partnership and your child’s reading progress. We have 46 prep students enrolled for next year which is wonderful and will require two straight Prep classes and a Prep/one class.

**School fees**
Each year the school purchases each child’s materials and requisites on your behalf. By purchasing in bulk it enables us to buy at cost price which is far cheaper. It also enables every student to be provided with the same requisites on day one so that we have equity across the school. The cost to families for the requisites is $100 which is the compulsory school fee. There are still a number of families who have not paid the fee, so it would be appreciated if this could be finalised by the end of the year please. The easiest way to pay is via the QKR payment app.

**Swimming**
The swimming program starts on Monday and it will be held at the Golden Square Swimming Pool. Could you please make sure that students wear ‘rashies’ if they have them and that you prepare them in the morning by covering them with sunscreen. I know that every child is looking forward to the program.

**Movember for Kids**
On Friday we are going to have a Kids Movember Day. For 50c students can choose a type of moustache that they would like drawn on their face. It could be ‘handle-bars’, the Freddie Mercury etc. The funds will go towards Mr Regan, Mr Barker & Mr Stringer’s fundraising towards men’s health issues.

**Student Accident**
Many families have contacted the school in relation to the accident this week involving Sean Bell. They have all sent their best wishes for his recovery. We will make sure that all thoughts and wishes are passed on to the family.

*Have a great week ahead.\nDi Craig\nPrincipal*
Let’s Do it Again!

Last year Specimen Hill Primary were the winners of the Bendigo Marketplace competition. Monday 2nd Nov to Sunday 13th Dec

We are requesting the school community support this competition once again.

Please place your shopping receipts for all stores in the Marketplace, in the Schools drop box located in the centre tree display area.

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**SENIOR CLASSES**

Greetings everyone. The senior department has been busy at work once again. It’s been very pleasing for the teachers to see the level of effort students are putting into their daily work tasks and we hope this continues right through until the end of the term.

In Literacy students have been working consistently with their speeches, and our younger students have also been producing speeches, advertisements and videos on public speaking. In Numeracy we have been consolidating previous learning such as arrays, building views, as well as planning and budgeting. Integrated studies main focus is our Myths and Legends project which will be due any day now.

A couple of reminders as usual- It is really important that students stay consistent with completing their weekly homework and nightly reading, and continue to display positive work ethics and attitudes in the yard at all times.

The swimming program will start next week on Monday the 30th November. Can all parents and students please ensure that their permission form is returned as soon as possible. All students are expected to attend these sessions.

Students should be bringing their netbooks in to classrooms as soon as possible so they can be reissued for future use. These need to be handed in by no later than December 4th. Students must remember to remove any files they’d like to keep, before returning them to school.

Finally, Graduation is quickly approaching, payments for tickets need to be made as soon as possible to guarantee your spot. Families should arrive at 6pm sharp, ready for a 6:30pm start.

Regards, Bec, Sophie, Adam and Scott.

**MIDDLE CLASSES**

Home Reading - It is really important that students continue to be consistent with their nightly reading routine. Students need to be reading for at least five nights each week to ensure they are developing as readers, writers and speakers. Currently the three classes are participating in a ‘Play Reading’ rotation where one group from each class presents to the three classes each week. Students have performed extremely well so far and will continue to receive support and guidance to develop their fluency, expression and tone when performing. It would be wonderful if parents could help with this at home by modelling or providing some helpful tips to your children.

Homework - Similar to reading, students also need to ensure they have a consistent routine for completing their spelling homework each night. Students will also be required to complete their homework sheet.

Food Fair - Our annual Food Fair is coming up soon (Thursday December 10th) 3/4 Regan are requesting Fries and Vegetable Oil. 3/4 Polglase are requesting: Diced Bacon, grated cheese, sour cream, garlic butter, & Coleslaw. We look forward to maintaining a close relationship between home and school during the last term of the school year.

Julian Regan, Kim Manley & Hayden Polglase

**JUNIOR CLASSES**

Swimming: Permission forms and payment should all be returned for swimming which starts on Monday 30th Nov. Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled, including swim wear. We ask that all children wear sunsmart appropriate rashies. Sunscreen should be applied before school.

Reading Homework: Please continue your child’s yellow reading diary and monitor reading and spelling homework.

Communications Books: Books will be handed out for the last time in Week 10. Please send back any communications books still at home.

Jacqui, Jo, Kylie, Stacey, Nat and Brad

**PREP NEWS**

Welcome to Week 8! Hard to believe how quickly the year is coming to end. We still have many exciting things happening and lots of work to do.

Swimming: If you have not returned your swimming note this needs to be done ASAP. Swimming will begin next Monday 30th of November. Prep H will swim at 9:30am and Prep M will swim at 10:15am. Please make sure ALL clothing is named to make it easier when children are getting changed. Because students are swimming in the morning, they may prefer to have their bathers on under their school clothes when they arrive at school. *(If this is the case, please remember to bring a change of underwear to put on after swimming.)* Remember to apply sunscreen in the morning before school, pack a towel and a bag for wet clothes. It should be a wonderful program that the students will thoroughly enjoy. Mrs Jacobs will be instructing some of the swim classes, which will mean a Relief Teacher will replace her on swimming days.

Food Fair & Concert:

This will take place on Friday 10th December. Both Prep classes will be selling Pizza.

If you are able to help for a short time on the night please let your classroom teacher know. The students will be busy practising their dance routine for the concert with the theme being ‘Music from the 90’s’. This is always a fantastic night and a great celebration for end of year.

Transition: The new preps for 2016 have visited the school twice now and are settling in very well. Tuesday the 8th of December is the State-wide Orientation Day. All students will move up to their new Grade Level on this morning.

Sleep: We have many tired and emotional Preps coming to school at the moment. This is to be expected as we near the end of a busy year. Please ensure your child is getting enough sleep in preparation for their day at school.

As always, please pop in and see us if you have any questions or issues. We look forward to a few busy weeks ahead!

Emily and Joan

Do you have your bathers ready for next week?? Please ensure bathers are rinsed out each night and towels dried off. Plastic bags should be placed in students backpacks for wet clothing. Don’t forget to apply sunscreen prior to arriving at school.
Join us for our CULTURAL FOOD FAIR

December 10th 5:00 - 6:30PM

@ Specimen Hill Primary

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Please check with your classroom Teacher how you can assist???

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LIBRARY
Next week will be the last week students will be able to borrow books from the library. All books need to be returned to the Library by Friday 11th December.

GREEN CANTEEN FRIDAY

Preferred payment for Canteen orders on Mondays & Fridays is by QKR App prior to 9:00am

$$ Cash orders for Friday must be placed at the office on Thursdays

Stock supply is low due to end of year, so some items may be substituted.

Items out of stock are:

- 250ml Honeycomb, Orange Juice

CLASS 0F 2016 POLOS

The shirts have now been ordered. We thank everyone for their prompt payment and return of forms. Delivery is expected.

Christmas Collection

This year the school’s Wellbeing committee has decided to provide families in the drought stricken areas of the North Central area the opportunity to receive some much needed support with food and gift hampers in preparation for the upcoming Christmas period.

We are asking families to kindly donate one or more items that can contribute to building gift hampers with a view that each hamper will have a wide variety of products.

At the end of Term 4, these items will be collected and hampers will be packaged and sent to the families prior to Christmas.

Below is a list of the items that each Grade level is kindly asked to donate to the Christmas collection appeal.

P-2: Food products (potato chips, bon bons, pretzels, Christmas lollies)

Grade 3/4: Health products (hair bands, deodorants, brushes, soaps, tooth brushes)

Grade 5/6: Small toys/games (soft toys, card games, board games, sports equipment)

Please Note: Donations of money will also be accepted. These monetary donations will be then converted into gift vouchers which will be purchased within the local communities.

Can all donations please be left at the school office.

Please Note: Can all families who donate items please indicate their donation on the form.

Forms are to be placed in the school mailbox at the front office.

Thank you,

Specimen Hill Primary School Wellbeing Team

Don’t forget!
Book Club orders are due: Mon 30th
2015 | EVENTS CALENDAR
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Wed | 8:15am Breakfast Program
Thurs | Walking School Bus 8:30am
Mon 30th | Swimming Program Starts
Mon 30th | Do you have bathers, towel, sunscreen???
Wed 9th | Community Breakfast
Wed 9th | 8:00am
Thurs 10th Dec | FOOD FAIR NIGHT & CONCERT
Thurs 10th Dec | Commences @ 5:00pm
Dec 15th | Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Dec 15th | Staffroom
Dec 15th | Grade 6 Graduation Night
Dec 15th | Tickets now available on QKR

GRADE 6 GRADUATION
TUESDAY DEC 15TH
FOUNDRY ARMS HOTEL
PLATINUM ROOM
TICKETS $30 each
2 Course Dinner
PAY VIA QKR
OR AT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE
Tickets limited to Student + 2 others (3)

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Some days are full!
Please phone the correct phone number for bookings
ASC Phone: 0447 788 636
BSC Phone: 0438 062 561

2016 ENROLMENT NEW FORMS REQUIRED
IF YOU ARE REQUIRING OUT OF SCHOOL CARE FOR 2016
NEW ENROLMENT FORMS WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED For each Child

Have you got your swimming note?

SCHOOL VALUES: Resilience, Excellence, Persistence, Honesty & Respect